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## PETITION FOR CLAIMING BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.78 for claiming the benefit of the earlier effective filing date of prior-filed nonprovisional application No. 09/263,126, now United States Patent Number 6,136,163, filed March 5, 1999, in this pending application. The common inventors in the above mentioned prior-filed nonprovisional application and this pending application are Robin Cheung, Ashok Sinha, Avi Tepman, and Dan Carl. In accordance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.78, Applicant submits the following:

- (i) The reference to the prior application required 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) is concurrently submitted in Applicant's response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2006;
- (ii) The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$1370.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t) in an attached fee sheet, and to charge any additional fees which =

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may be required for this petition to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/003421.C2/KMT; and

(iii) The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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